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TAGS:MARR, MOPS, PFOR, AS

SUBJECT:NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA

REF; CANBERRA 4982

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR  
WILBERFORCE CALLED AT DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 19 TO RELAY  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM UK EMBASSY CANBERRA FROM  
"UNIDENTIFIED BUT RELIABLE SOURCE":

A) WHITLAM HAD ORDERED POSITION PAPER ON NUCLEAR-  
POWERED SHIP VISITS BY OCTOBER 21. PAPER IS TO BE AN  
"ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY." STUDY HAS ALREADY BEEN  
PREPARED DEALING WITH SSN'S BUT IS NOW TO BE EXPANDED  
TO COVER SURFACE WARSHIPS AND MERCHANT VESSELS.  
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B) WHITLAM HAD TAKEN OVER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF  
NPW ACCESS PROBLEM FROM BARNARD AS RESULT OF "NUDGE" HE  
HAD RECEIVED DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT.

C) WHITLAM WANTS BARNARD "TO BE READY TO ADDRESS  
THIS QUESTION" WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER.

2. WILBERFORCE ADDED LONDON WAS "MILDLY SURPRISED" THAT  
US HAD TACKLED WHITLAM ON NPW ISSUE SINCE IT WAS BRITISH  
UNDERSTANDING THAT US WAS PREPARED TO LET UK TAKE THE  
LEAD WITH AUSTRALIANS.

3. AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR REPORT, DEPTOFFS  
INDICATED BRITISH REPS HAD ALREADY BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO  
SHARE INFORMATION WITH US MISSION IN CANBERRA. (DEPTOFF  
NOTED DISCREPANCY RE DUE DATE -- OCT VICE SEPT; WILBER-  
FORCE HAD NO READY EXPLANATION.) RE "NUDGE" PM WHITLAM  
REPORTEDLY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, DEPTOFF TOLD  
WILBERFORCE (A) WE HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH FACTS  
AFTER RECEIPT OF INITIAL REPORT, AND (B) SO FAR AS WE  
CAN DETERMINE NPW ACCESS QUESTION WAS NOT RPT NOT RAISED  
DURING ANY OF FORMAL SESSIONS BETWEEN US AND AUSTRALIAN  
OFFICIALS. DEPTOFF THEN SUGGESTED NPW PROBLEM COULD HAVE  
BEEN RAISED INFORMALLY DURING ONE OF SERIES OF SOCIAL  
OCCASIONS OR ALTERNATIVELY, "NUDGE" MAY WELL HAVE BEEN  
RESULT OF IN-HOUSE GOA DISCUSSION BETWEEN PM AND EMBASSY  
STAFFERS OF INVENTORY OF OUTSTANDING US-AUSTRALIAN  
PROBLEMS. WINDING UP DISCUSSION, DEPTOFF OBSERVED USG  
HAS FOUND US-UK CONSULTATIONS ON NPW ACCESS MOST USEFUL  
AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE PRACTICE; INDICATED USG FULLY  
SHARED HMG ESTIMATE THAT VIGOROUS PRESSURE ON NEWLY  
SEATED GOA FOR EARLY RESOLUTION NPW ACCESS WOULD PROBABLY  
RESULT IN NEGATIVE DECISION WHICH COULD TAKE YEARS TO  
REVERSE; AND, NOTING THAT HMG REPORT SUGGESTS NEW SITU-  
ATING MAY BE EMERGING, DECLARED USG HOPED TO KEEP IN  
CLOSE TOUCH WITH HMG DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS. RUSH

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